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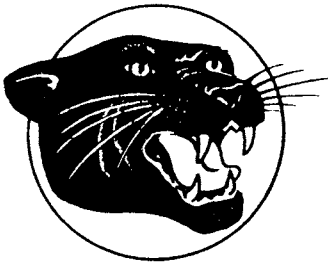
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CHARLESTON, IL--Four Illinois Valley Community College football players have signed scholarships to attend NCAA II Runner-Up Eastern Illinois University, according to Assistant Coach Chuck Budde.

The four are offensive tackles Mark Zwilling (Olney) and Tom Dentino (Peoria Manual) and defensive tackles Shawn Schwingle (Mendota) and Dick Essman (Streator).

All four are enrolled for Spring Semester and currently participating in Eastern's winter conditioning program.

Zwilling, 6-2, 234, played for Olney's conference champs as a senior and IVCC's state championship team his first year there.

This past season Zwilling was Second Team All-State as IVCC finished 8-3.

"I was familiar with Mark when Charleston played Olney in high school so I knew his potential," said Budde. "He's a big tough tackle . . . one of the main players in Illinois Valley's line."

Dentino, 6-1, 227, is a 24 year old Marine Corps veteran who was team captain this past season earning First Team All-State honors. "Tom was a very aggressive player . . . in all the film we saw he really got after it," Budde said.

Schwingle, 6-2, 234, was a Second Team All-Conference defensive lineman who is currently recovering from an injury that sidelined him much of the '80 season.

"We saw Shawn on film from a game early in the season . . . he has good size and worked hard which made a very favorable impression upon us."

Essman, 6-0, 220, led IVCC in tackles and was voted the Defensive 'Lineman of the Year'. "He really pursues the ball well . . . the type of player that goes from sideline to sideline to make a tackle," Budde praised.

"Vince McMahon (IVC head coach) year-in, year-out has one of the best JC programs anywhere . . . last year they were 11-0 and Midwest Bowl champs and this season 8-3 and ranked in the top three in the nation.-more-

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"Since our season was extended due to the national playoffs, it's a real plus to sign these players from such a quality program," Budde said.